Hydel Power generation in Madhya Pradesh

925. SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State of Madhya Pradesh has only 10 per cent of its power generation capacity as Hydel whereas the ideal hydel-thermal ratio should be 40:60;

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to correct this aberration; and

(c) what are the thermal and hydel power projects of Madhya Pradesh which are pending for clearance|sanction and what are the reasons for the delay in their clearance|sanction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) It is true that the State of Madhya Pradesh has only 10 per cent of its installed generating capacity as hydel. There is no hard and fast ratio of hydel-thermal mix in a power system as the same would depend on a number of system parameters. However, a generation mix of the order of 40 per cent hydel and 60 per cent thermal capacity is considered fairly adequate for the Indian systems.

(b) Hydel projects aggregating 1117 MW are presently under examination|sanction in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) The Status of thermal and hydel power projects of Madhya Pradesh which are pending for clearance|sanction is given in the Annexure. (*Vide* statement of unstarred Question 924 *supra*).

Coal requirement of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board plants

926. SHRI T. R. BALU:
SHRI V. GOPALSAMY:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) what had been the plantwise requirement of coal for each of the Thermal power plants of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board during the last 3 years, year-wise;

(b) whether TNEB has approached the Central Government for permission for import of coal from Australia; if so, when and what action has been taken by the Central Government on the same;

(c) whether any other State has demanded such a facility in the past and if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if answer to part (b) above be in the negative, what steps the Central Government propose to take for the speedy delivery of coal to TNEB thermal plants from within the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Consumption of coal at thermal power plants of Tamil Nadu Electricity Board during the last three years is indicated below:—

Fig. in lakh tonnes)

	1984-85	1985-86	1986-87
Basin Bridge	1.14	0.23	..
Ennore	11·15	15·78	15·98.
Tuticorin	17·76	21·99	27·28